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SUBJECT: IV PROGRAM: 1975 PREFECTS PROJECT

FOR: CU/WE

1) GOOD DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL GIUSEPPE CASTELLI LEADS TO CONCLUSION WE WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT OUTSTANDING PROJECT FOR PREFECTS THIS YEAR. TENOR OF CONVERSATION INDICATES GOI TAKING INTO SERIOUS ACCOUNT THE QUALITY OF EARLIER EXPERIENCES IN ATTEMPT TO UPGRADE VALUE. MORE IMPORTANT, FUTURE PLANS FOR IMPORTANT SENIOR-SEMINAR-TYPE MID-CAREER THRESHOLD TRAINING MEAN THERE MAY BE INTEREST IN BUILDING IN FOREIGN EXPERIENCE. THIS COULD LEAD TO IV PROGRAM REACHING INTO HIGHLY SELECTED GROUP OF THOSE CERTAIN TO REACH TOP AND TO AFFECT SOCIO-POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF ITALY.

2) SHAPE OF PROGRAM THIS YEAR LOOKS TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
FOUR YOUNG PREFECT CORPS MEMBERS IN 33-35 YEAR AGE BRACKET, HOPEFULLY WITH SOME ENGLISH. VOI WILL PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AT LEAST AND POSSIBLY U.S. INTERNAL TRAVEL. GIUSEPPE CASTELLI, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MAY BE INCLUDED IN SPITE OF HIS AGE BECAUSE UNABLE ACCEPT GRANT LAST YEAR. GIVEN QUALITY AND SPRINGHTLY QUALITY OF MIND, SEE NO OBJECTION AND IN FACT SEE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE IN THIS POSSIBILITY.
TARGET DATE FOR DEPARTURE: EARLY MAY, UNLESS DEPARTMENT WISHES POSTPONE UNTIL AFTER JUNE 30.

3) REQUEST IN-PRINCIPLE AGREEMENT MOVE FORWARD THIS PROJECT.

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4) REQUEST CONSIDERATION ADDITIONAL FUNDING EQUIVALENT TWO
FULL IV GRANTS COVER THIS COST, IN EVENT EXISTING PROGRAM
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